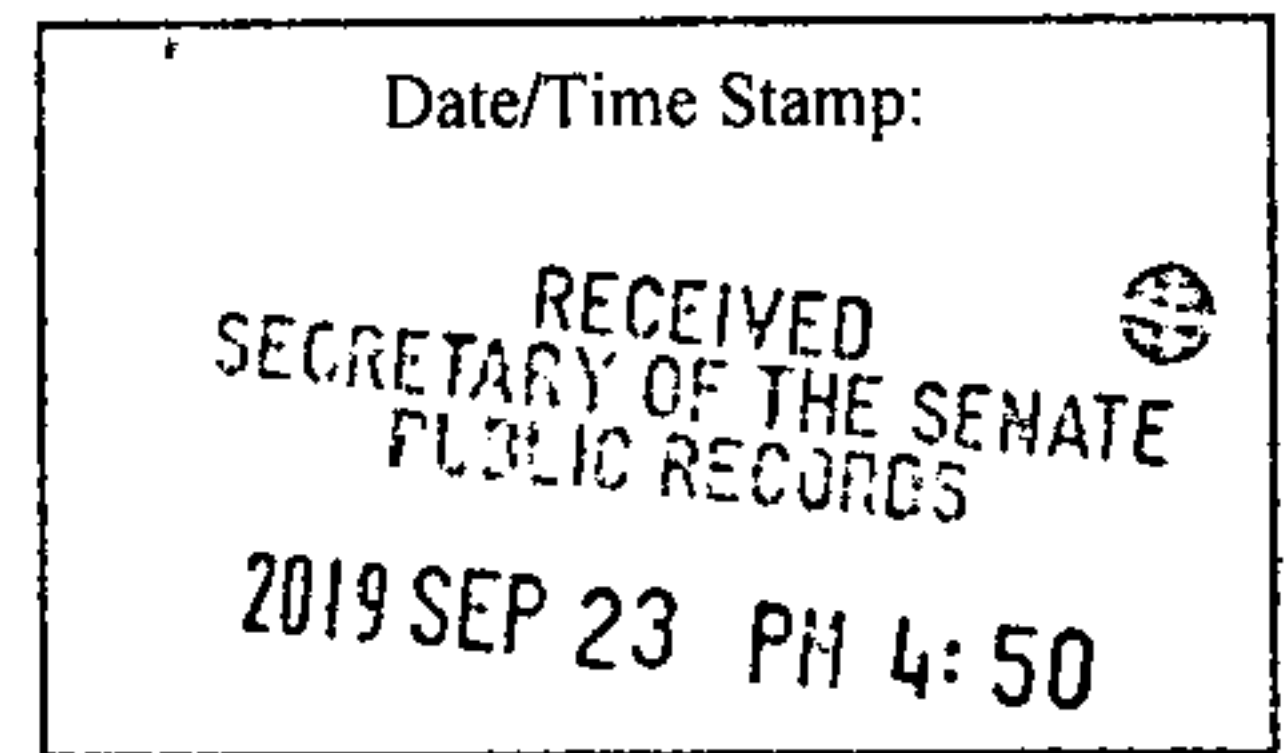


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Mike Braun

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Private Sponsor(s) (list all): American Israel Education Foundation

Travel date(s): Saturday, August 17, 2019 - Friday, August 23, 2019

Destination(s): Jerusalem and Tiberias Israel

Name of accompanying family member (if any): Maureen Braun

Relationship to Member/Officer: ☒ Spouse ☐ Child

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Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.) See attached itinerary

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**American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
Educational Seminar in Israel
Senators Mike Braun (R-IN) and Rick Scott (R-FL)
August 17 – 23, 2019**

Itinerary

Saturday, August 17, 2019

afternoon	Depart from various airports
evening	Arrive Newark
10:50 PM	Depart Newark

Sunday, August 18, 2019

4:20 PM	Arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport Transfer to Jerusalem
6:30 PM	Check in to the King David Hotel
7:15 PM	Depart for dinner
7:30-8:00 PM	<i>Setting the Stage</i> Welcome and Orientation - at Touro
8:00-10:00 PM	<i>State of the Nation</i> David Horowitz, Editor, Times of Israel - at Touro

State of the Nation

David Horovitz is the founding editor of *Times of Israel*, the leading current affairs website in Israel. Mr. Horovitz will provide staff with a synthesis of domestic political trends, current international affairs and the general state of mind of the Israeli voters.

10:00-10:30 PM	<i>Shalom Jerusalem</i> Introduction to the history of the city A brief walking survey
10:30 PM	Overnight at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem

Monday, August 19, 2019

8:00 AM Breakfast is served
- at the hotel

8:15-9:15 AM Strategic Threats Overview
Breakfast with Brig. Gen. (res.) Nitzan Nuriel
-at the hotel

Strategic Threats Overview

As the delegation heads north to the borders with Lebanon and Syria, it is critical to understand the threats faced by Israel from these borders, both Iranian proxies. The briefing will cover the unique situation at each border, as well as the malign activity from Iran contributing to unrest in the region.

9:30 AM Depart

10:15-11:00 AM *Israel's Narrow Waistline – Strategic Concerns*
Briefing at Alfei Menashe with Col. (res.) Miri Eisin

Alfei Menashe

Alfei Menashe is a Jewish community located on the western edge of the West Bank. Less than 10 miles from the Mediterranean Sea, Alfei Menashe provides a unique vantage point to discuss Israeli settlement policy, the routing of the security barrier, as well as Israel's narrow waistline.

The sliver of Israeli land west of the West Bank is often referred to as the Hadera-Gadera rectangle, with the city of Hadera denoting the northern point, and the city of Gadera the southern point. The Hadera-Gadera rectangle is home to over 50 percent of Israel's population, as well as civilian infrastructure. The area is also home to Israel's "Silicon Valley," as well as Ben Gurion international airport.

The discussion at Alfei Menashe will allow participants to see firsthand the proximity of Jewish and Arab neighborhoods in both Israel and the West Bank; as well as the strategic threats faced by the Israeli population living in Israel's narrow waistline.

11:00 AM Depart

12:00-1:00 PM *Falafel and Shawarma Lunch*
-in Yokne'am

1:00 PM Depart

1:30-2:15 PM *En Route Briefing:*
 The Jezreel Valley
 ■ *The Upper Galilee*

Our tour guide will spend an hour during the drive from Israel's center to the north to provide the delegation a briefing on the Jezreel Valley and the Upper Galilee and the challenges facing these regions of the country.

Today it is an important symbol of Israel's complex and diverse political reality. The Jezreel Valley, together with the areas of the Lower and Upper Galilee, is home to the majority of Israel's Arab citizens. A survey of this area provides an opportunity to discuss and learn about Israel's Arab citizens – 20 percent of the population – each of which has full democratic, social and welfare rights, the right to vote and serve in the Knesset, and the opportunity to serve on Israel's Supreme Court. These issues are not widely known and this segment gives trip participants the opportunity to understand Israel's relationship with its largest minority group.

The Upper Galilee is home to the largest variety of ethnic communities in Israel including Druze, Circassian, Arab Muslim and Arab Christian villages. The Galilee is also home to ancient Jewish and Christian holy sites that provide additional historical and political context to regional tensions. Just as in the case of the Jezreel Valley, the area illustrates the role of minorities in Israel.

While time does not permit for sites visits, a drive through the region allows for expanding on the importance of the area in the context of the U.S.–Israel relationship.

2:15-3:15 PM

Israel's Northern Border Concerns: Lebanon and Hizballah

During this briefing, the participants will hear about the threats to Israel emanating from the Northern border with Syria. They will also visit one of six tunnels that Hizballah has built underneath Israel, some as deep as 23 stories.

3:15 PM	Depart
4:30-5:30 PM	<i>Visit to the Jordan River</i> -at Yardenit
6:00 PM	Check-in to the Scots Hotel, Tiberias
7:30 PM	Depart
7:45-9:45 PM	<i>Reflections on the Week</i> Dinner at Decks

Dinner and Discussion

We will use this dinner as an opportunity to discuss the speakers and topics we have been exposed to thus far. We have found giving our participants an opportunity to discuss the topics and perspectives presented to them assists them in their ability to more fully understand the complexities Israel faces.

9:45 PM	Overnight at the Scots Hotel, Tiberias
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Tuesday, August 20, 2019

8:00 AM	Breakfast on your own -at the hotel
8:30 AM	Depart
9:00-11:00 AM	<i>Historical Significance of the Sea of Galilee</i> Survey of historical and religious sites around the Sea of Galilee Mt. of Beatitudes – Sermon on the Mount <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ St. Peter's Church▪ Capernaum – Jesus' Village

Christian Sites at the Sea of Galilee

As part of the seminar's focus on the complex religious fabric of Israeli society, the group will be visiting several of the most sacred sites for Christians in the Holy Land. Included is a guided survey and discussion of some of the most important events in the life of Jesus by the Sea of Galilee. Just as strategic surveys in Jerusalem focused on Jewish, Muslim, and Christian history and claims to the land, the site visits to the Christian sites help provide context for the competing religious

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11:00 AM	Depart for the Golan Heights
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12:00-1:00 PM *Israel's Northern Border Concerns: Syria*
Strategic survey of Israel's border with Syria
With Cpt. Ilan Shulman
- at Ein Zivan

Israel's Northern Border Concerns: Syria

Captain (Res.) Ilan Shulman, a disabled IDF veteran, divides his time guiding geopolitical tours on the Galilee and Golan Heights, lecturing to students, giving geo-political briefings for delegations through various Israeli foreign ministry programs, and fulfilling his IDF reserve duties in the Northern Command's intelligence unit. Shulman was raised in Kibbutz Merom Golan near Israel's border with Syria, where one of his favorite jobs was herding the kibbutz cattle. Shulman served in the IDF's paratrooper's unit, rising to the position of company commander. He holds a BA in Israel and Middle East Studies. During this session he will take participants to the border between Israel and Syria and provide an overview of the Syrian civil war.

1:00 PM Depart

1:15-2:30 PM *Ethics in the IDF*
Lunch with IDF Soldiers
-at HaBokrim

Ethics in the IDF

Ruach Tzahal (Literally, 'Spirit of the IDF') represents the values of the Israel Defense Forces and stands as the foundation for the responsibilities of Israel's army. This overarching ethical code, and the guidelines and operation resulting from it, shape the mode of action applied by all IDF soldiers and units, both in peace and at war. During basic training, every IDF soldier studies and analyzes the code of ethics together with their commanders. It is customary for a framed copy of the code to be hung in every commander's office as a constant reminder of the IDF's values and guidelines. During lunch, participants will be joined by soldiers in the Northern Command, who will discuss the challenges of serving in a region overtaken by the Syrian civil war.

2:30 PM Depart for Jerusalem

2:30-3:30 PM *En Route Briefing:*
Jordan: Relations with Israel, and the Growing Refugee Crisis

Jordan: Relations with Israel, and the Growing Refugee Crisis

The tour guide will spend approximately an hour during the drive through the Jordan Valley to

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8:00-9:00 AM *Israel's Political Map*
Prof. Reuven Hazan, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- at the hotel

Israel's Political Map

It is critical for trip participants to have an understanding of the parliamentary system in Israel. Professor Hazan explains how the parliamentary party system works, how coalitions rise and fall, and how Israeli politics differ from American politics. Since the group will be visiting with government officials throughout the week, we believe it's important to provide this overview early in the seminar. The group will also be arriving during an unprecedented interim Israeli government, as the Prime Minister was unable to form a coalition. Israeli voters who just went to the polls in March, will be heading back to the polls in September, making for a robust political conversation throughout the country.

9:15 AM Depart

9:30 AM-12:15 PM *Strategic Survey of Jerusalem, Part II: The Historic and Holy Basin*
 Guided survey of the Old City of Jerusalem
 City of David

- Southern Wall Excavations
- Western Wall
- Church of the Holy Sepulchre
- Via Dolorosa

Jerusalem

Throughout its 4,000-year history, the city of Jerusalem has changed hands many times. As home to the world's three great monotheistic religions — Judaism, Christianity and Islam — Jerusalem is probably the most disputed city in history. Today, the status of Jerusalem remains the most contentious issue in the Arab-Israeli conflict. Jerusalem has been at the heart of all Israeli-Palestinian negotiations. To understand the current political issues, it is critical to understand Jerusalem's history and the role it has played in shaping the Middle East. This seminar will include site visits to various locations in and around Jerusalem to give participants a first-hand look at the historic significance of the city, as well as its geographic layout.

Old City of Jerusalem & the Holy Basin

The Old City of Jerusalem is home to the holiest shrines of the three monotheistic religions, including the Temple Mount, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and the Al-Aqsa Mosque. During the Camp David II talks, the Palestinians and Israelis differed on the Jerusalem question, namely the Old City, the status of Arab neighborhoods just outside the Old City, and religious sites such as the Temple Mount.

The Holy Basin is the historic location of Jerusalem and refers to the land surrounding the Old City, including the Mount of Olives, which is believed to be the departure point for Jesus' final entry into Jerusalem and where Jews have been burying their dead for 2,500 years. The Holy

Basin also includes the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site, and the Temple Mount (Haram al-Sharif), sacred ground for Jews, Muslims, and Christians. Control over these sensitive areas remains among the largest disputes in the Middle East.

The professionally guided survey will walk through all of these sites and others, educating trip participants on their historical impact and their role in today's political discussions.

The City of David

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict has consumed an enormous amount of time and manpower from members of consecutive American Administrations as well as members of Congress. One of the most intractable issues in the conflict has been the question of the future of Jerusalem. Jerusalem's City of David, more than any other site, represents the complexity of this conflict.

The City of David is the site most archeologists agree to be the ancient city of Jerusalem that later became the capital of the united Israelite tribes under King David. This area is one of the most intensively excavated sides in the wider region. To Jewish Israelis, the site represents the beginning of their physical and emotional attachment to Jerusalem that has continued for over three thousand years.

At the same time, much of the site is located in the predominantly Arab neighborhood of Silwan. The residents of Silwan, and the Palestinian Authority leadership are opposed to the archeological efforts being carried out in the City of David. In several instances, homes in Silwan were purchased and then destroyed to open up more areas for excavations. Additionally, Palestinian leadership has denied in their official statements the existence of any Jewish connection to Jerusalem.

12:15 PM Depart

1:00-2:15 PM *Israeli-Palestinian Negotiations: How Wide is the Gap?*
Lunch with Yitzhak Molcho, Former Special Envoy and Advisor,
The Office of the Prime Minister
-at the hotel, Olive Room

Israeli-Palestinian Negotiations: How Wide is the Gap?

Since Israel's founding, the Jewish state has sought to reach a just and lasting solution to the Israeli Palestinian conflict. The United States has been closely involved in negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians. Yitzhak Molcho is a former Special Envoy and Special Advisor to Prime Minister Netanyahu. He also served as Chief Negotiator for the Middle East peace process, managing Israel's critical relations with the Palestinians, Egypt and Jordan since 1996. He will lay out the current state of peace negotiations, and opportunities and challenges for the future of the peace process.

2:15 PM Depart for the Office of the Prime Minister

3:00-4:00 PM Meeting with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu
-at the Prime Minister's Office

Meeting with The Honorable Benjamin Netanyahu

Every member delegation has the opportunity to meet with Israel's Prime Minister. Prime Minister Netanyahu is currently residing over an interim government, until elections are held for a second time this year in September

4:00 PM Depart

4:30-6:30 PM *Remembering the Victims of the Holocaust*
Wreath-Laying Ceremony
Visit to the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and Museum
-at Yad Vashem

Yad Vashem

One cannot understand Israel's position on Iran's nuclear program without understanding the trauma of the Holocaust. Israelis view threats to its destruction in light of the events of the 1930s and 1940s, when the German government's threats to exterminate the Jewish people were not taken seriously by the international community. This museum provides an important reference point as to how Israelis interpret the threat of an Iranian nuclear program and Iranian leaders committed to Israel's destruction.

Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority, was established in 1953 by an act of the Israeli Knesset. Since its inception, Yad Vashem has been entrusted with documenting the history of the Jewish people during the Holocaust period, preserving the memory and story of each of the six million victims, and imparting the legacy of the Holocaust for generations to come through its archives, library, school, museums and recognition of the Righteous Among the Nations. Located on Har Hazikaron (the Mount of Remembrance) in Jerusalem, Yad Vashem is a sprawling complex of museums, exhibits, archives, monuments, sculptures, and memorials.

Every foreign leader that travels to Israel visits Yad Vashem. Yad Vashem has become a symbol of the Jewish people and its transformation from total helplessness to self-reliance and strength. Thus, a visit to Yad Vashem provides a historical context for the Jewish state.

6:30 PM Return to hotel

7:30 PM Depart for dinner

7:45-9:45 PM

Start-Up Nation

Dinner with

- Gil Beeri, Business Development Director,
US OrCam Technologies
- Tal Cohen, Founding Partner, Drive and Next Gear Ventures
- Maria Levin, Director of Business Development and Marketing,
Neteera Technologies

Moderated by Eliran Elimelech, Director, Strategic Partnerships,
Start-Up Nation Central
- at Touro

Start-Up Nation

Israel is a giant when it comes to innovation: a global leader in R&D spending and Venture Capital investment, and home to global R&D centers for the likes of Google, Apple and IBM. This evening's Start-Up Nation dinner will include a discussion with entrepreneurs representing Israeli innovation and ingenuity that has had enormous impact both in Israel and abroad.

9:45 PM

Overnight at the King David Hotel

Thursday, August 22, 2019

7:45 AM

Breakfast is served

8:00-9:00 AM

Regional Threats Assessment

Breakfast with General (Res.) Amos Yadlin

Director, The Institute for National Security Studies

-at the hotel, Olive room

Regional Threats Assessment

Maj.-Gen. (Ret.) Amos Yadlin is the Executive Director of Tel Aviv University's prestigious think-tank, the Institute for National Security Studies. He will provide an overview of national security matters, military and strategic affairs, military balance in the Middle East, terrorism and cyber warfare. Gen. Yadlin took over the running of the Institute in 2011, after more than 40 years of service in the Israel Defense Forces, nine of which he was a member of the IDF General Staff. He is the former head of the IDF Intelligence Branch. As the Israeli army's top intelligence officer, he provided the security establishment and the political echelon with ongoing IDF analyses of regional threats, with particular focus on the Iranian nuclear threat. As a former combat pilot, he commanded various fighter jet squadrons, several Air Force bases and served as the Israel Air Force Chief of Staff. He also commanded the IDF Military Colleges and the National Defense College.

9:15 AM

Depart

7:00-8:30 PM *The U.S.-Israel Relationship: Bringing it All Together*
Closing dinner
-in Tel Aviv

Closing Dinner

The closing dinner provides an opportunity for participants to process the scope of the week, from the religious center of the Judeo-Christian world in Jerusalem, to the bustling economic powerhouse of Tel Aviv; from the conflict plagued northern borders with Syria and Lebanon, to the environmental and geographical wonders of the Negev desert and the Dead Sea. We will process the range of topics explored, including the U.S.-Israel strategic partnership, prospects for Arab-Israeli peace, the experience of minorities in Israel, as well as greater existential threats throughout the region. Participants will also have the opportunity to share their takeaways and ask any lingering questions that weren't covered during the week.

8:30 PM Depart for the airport

11:25 PM Depart Ben-Gurion Airport

Friday, August 23, 2019

4:30 AM Arrive at Newark

morning Depart for various airports

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June 3, 2019

The Honorable Mike Braun
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Dear Senator Braun,

On behalf of the American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF), we would like to invite you and your family guest to participate in an educational seminar in Israel, August 17-23, 2019. The trip will depart Saturday afternoon, August 17; and return to the U.S. on Friday morning, August 23.

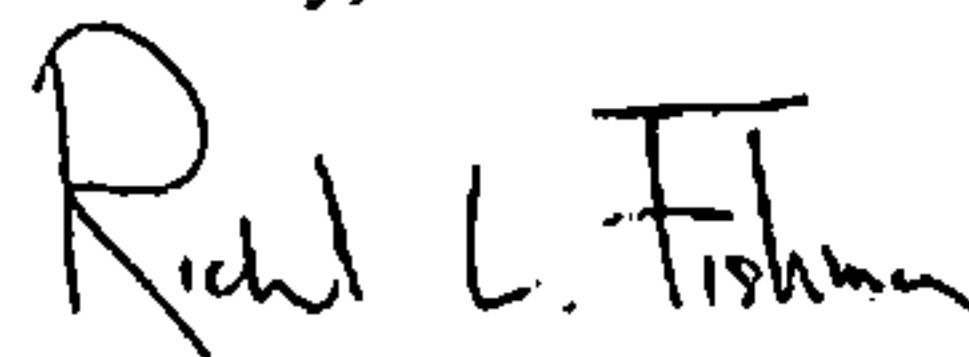
This seminar will delve into some of the most difficult issues facing Israel and the region. Israeli leaders from across the political spectrum, along with Palestinian leaders, will explore the peace negotiations and the obstacles to peace, the myriad of security threats facing the region, and the strategic relationship between the United States and Israel.

Participants will hear a wide array of viewpoints, including discussions with: members of the Israeli Knesset and the Palestinian Authority; U.S. government officials; military leaders; heads of non-governmental organizations; and prominent academics and journalists. The program will also include visits to historic and religious sites in Jerusalem and the Galilee.

All trip-related expenses will be paid for by AIEF, and all aspects of the trip will be in full conformity with Senate Ethics rules. AIEF will provide additional information to assure your compliance with ethics rules.

We hope you will be able to join us on what promises to be a rich, insightful and educational trip. To confirm your participation, please complete the confirmation form, and return to jperetz@aiefdn.org. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Peretz at (202) 639-5192.

Sincerely,



Richard Fishman
Executive Director, AIEF

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The Senate Member, officer, or employee MUST also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

- Private Sponsor Certification - Page 1 of 4**

9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

- OR -

☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (see questions 6 and 10).

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☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

AIEF is solely responsible for recruiting, coordinating, executing, and funding all aspects of this trip.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

AIEF is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with the mission of providing educational programming about the U.S.-relationship. The delegation will have the opportunity to meet with a diverse group of Israelis and Palestinians, and see first-hand the outcome of U.S.-Israel strategic cooperation in the region.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

Please see addendum.

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air = \$4,503.44
bus = \$509.09
Syrian border transport = \$90.91
taxis = \$27.27
per person: Senator and spouse | \$685.50

JLM = \$534
TIB = \$151.50

per person: Senator and spouse | \$566

JLM = \$420
TIB = \$146

per person: Senator and spouse | \$4,198

Please see breakdown attached

per person: Senator and spouse |

- b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized specifically with regard to congressional participation.

- During the trip, participants will visit many cities and regions in Israel, to explore the strategic nature of the U.S.-Israel relationship.

- King David (King David Street 23, Jerusalem); Scots (Gdud Barak Street 1, Tiberias)**

- We chose these hotels due to their location and affordability.**

- Please see addendum**

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Educational Seminar in Israel
Senators Mike Braun (R-IN) and Rick Scott (R-FL)
August 17 – 23, 2019**

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16. Other Expenses

Security: \$1,545.45 per person

-AIEF considers the security of its trip participants as its highest priority. A security team accompanies all participants throughout the trip.

Speaker Fees: \$1000 per person

-Honoraria for guest speakers

Tour Guide: \$409.09 per person

-As a detailed historical understanding is crucial to maximizing the educational aspect of the trip, a licensed tour guide accompanies the group throughout the trip.

Hotels for contract staff (tour guide, bus driver, security guards): \$300 per person

Meals for contract staff and speakers: \$290.91 per person

Room Rentals: \$272.73 per person

-The cost of renting rooms at hotels and restaurants for meetings and meals with speakers:

Hotel Commission \$94 per person for double room; \$52 per person for single room

-We pay a 7% hotel room commission to the company that books our hotels.

Airport Assistance: \$90.91

-We use a service to help participants navigate passport control and customs.

Entrance Fees: \$81.82 per person

-Several sites require an entrance fee, including the southern Western Wall excavations and the holy sites around the Sea of Galilee.

Transportation for contract staff and speakers: \$54.55 per person

Photography: \$45.45 per person

-On each trip we take a group photo with a professional photographer

Other: \$45.45 per person

-Briefing materials, miscellaneous

Tips: \$10.45 per person

-Tips for hotel staff

21. Per Diem

Meal expenses are equal to the per diem rate for Jerusalem and Tiberias. Lodging expenses are less than the per diem for Jerusalem and Tiberias. Meal expenses include the cost for meals, snacks, and water on the bus. It does not include alcohol, as we do not pay for alcohol per Senate ethics rules.

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Saturday, August 17, 2019

6:10 PM Arrive Newark

Sunday, August 18, 2019

6:30 PM Check in to the King David Hotel

7:30-8:00 PM *Setting the Stage*
Welcome and Orientation
- at Touro

State of the Nation

10:00-10:30 PM *Shalom Jerusalem*
Introduction to the history of the city
A brief walking tour

10:30 PM Overnight at the King David Hotel

Monday, August 19, 2019

8:00 AM Breakfast is served
- at the hotel

8:15-9:15 AM *Israel's Political Map*
Prof. Reuven Hazan, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- at the hotel

Israel's Political Map

It is critical for trip participants to have an understanding of the parliamentary system in Israel. Professor Hazan explains how the parliamentary party system works, how coalitions rise and fall, and how Israeli politics differ from American politics. Since the group will be visiting with government officials throughout the week, we believe it's important to provide this overview early in the seminar. The group will also be arriving during an unprecedented interim Israeli government, as the Prime Minister was unable to form a coalition. Israeli voters who just went to the polls in March, will be heading back to the polls in September, making for a robust political conversation throughout the country.

9:15 AM Depart

10:30-11:30 AM Meeting with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu
-at the Prime Minister's Office

Meeting with The Honorable Benjamin Netanyahu

Every member delegation has the opportunity to meet with Israel's Prime Minister. Prime Minister Netanyahu is currently residing over an interim government, until elections are held for a second time this year in September

11:30 AM Depart

12:00-12:30 PM *Remembering the Victims of the Holocaust*
Wreath-Laying Ceremony
-at Yad Vashem

Yad Vashem

One cannot understand Israel's position on Iran's nuclear program without understanding the trauma of the Holocaust. Israelis view threats to its destruction in light of the events of the 1930s and 1940s, when the German government's threats to exterminate the Jewish people were not taken seriously by the international community. This museum provides an important reference point as to how Israelis interpret the threat of an Iranian nuclear program and Iranian leaders committed to Israel's destruction.

Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority, was established in 1953 by an act of the Israeli Knesset. Since its inception, Yad Vashem has been entrusted with documenting the history of the Jewish people during the Holocaust period, preserving the memory and story of each of the six million victims, and imparting the legacy of the Holocaust for generations to come through its archives, library, school, museums and recognition of the Righteous Among the Nations. Located on Har Hazikaron (the Mount of Remembrance) in Jerusalem, Yad Vashem is a sprawling complex of museums, exhibits, archives, monuments, sculptures, and memorials.

Every foreign leader that travels to Israel visits Yad Vashem. Yad Vashem has become a symbol of the Jewish people and its transformation from total helplessness to self-reliance and strength. Thus, a visit to Yad Vashem provides a historical context for the Jewish state.

12:30 PM Depart

1:00-2:15 PM *Israeli-Palestinian Negotiations: How Wide is the Gap?*
Tal Becker, Senior Legal Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
-at Anna

Israeli-Palestinian Negotiations: How Wide is the Gap?

Since Israel's founding, the Jewish state has sought to reach a just and lasting solution to the Israeli Palestinian conflict. The United States has been closely involved in negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians. Dr. Tal Becker is a senior member of the Israeli peace negotiation team. In this position, he is on the front lines of many of Israel's most pressing diplomatic, legal and policy challenges. He is a veteran negotiator, and key behind the scenes representative, for Israel in a wide variety of contexts. During this session, he will address the prospects for peace in the current political climate. He will also discuss the complex challenges that have prevented a final status agreement thus far.

2:15 PM Depart

2:30-5:30 PM *Strategic Survey of Jerusalem, Part II: The Historic and Holy Basin*
Guided survey of the Old City of Jerusalem

- City of David
Southern Wall Excavations
Western Wall
- Church of the Holy Sepulchre
- Via Dolorosa

Jerusalem

Throughout its 4,000-year history, the city of Jerusalem has changed hands many times. As home to the world's three great monotheistic religions — Judaism, Christianity and Islam — Jerusalem is probably the most disputed city in history. Today, the status of Jerusalem remains the most contentious issue in the Arab-Israeli conflict. Jerusalem has been at the heart of all Israeli-

Palestinian negotiations. To understand the current political issues, it is critical to understand Jerusalem's history and the role it has played in shaping the Middle East. This seminar will include site visits to various locations in and around Jerusalem to give participants a first-hand look at the historic significance of the city, as well as its geographic layout.

Old City of Jerusalem & the Holy Basin

The Old City of Jerusalem is home to the holiest shrines of the three monotheistic religions, including the Temple Mount, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and the Al-Aqsa Mosque. During the Camp David II talks, the Palestinians and Israelis differed on the Jerusalem question, namely the Old City, the status of Arab neighborhoods just outside the Old City, and religious sites such as the Temple Mount.

The Holy Basin is the historic location of Jerusalem and refers to the land surrounding the Old City, including the Mount of Olives, which is believed to be the departure point for Jesus' final entry into Jerusalem and where Jews have been burying their dead for 2,500 years. The Holy Basin also includes the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site, and the Temple Mount (Haram al-Sharif), sacred ground for Jews, Muslims, and Christians. Control over these sensitive areas remains among the largest disputes in the Middle East.

The professionally guided survey will walk through all of these sites and others, educating trip participants on their historical impact and their role in today's political discussions.

The City of David

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict has consumed an enormous amount of time and manpower from members of consecutive American Administrations as well as members of Congress. One of the most intractable issues in the conflict has been the question of the future of Jerusalem. Jerusalem's City of David, more than any other site, represents the complexity of this conflict.

The City of David is the site most archeologists agree to be the ancient city of Jerusalem that later became the capital of the united Israelite tribes under King David. This area is one of the most intensively excavated sides in the wider region. To Jewish Israelis, the site represents the beginning of their physical and emotional attachment to Jerusalem that has continued for over three thousand years.

At the same time, much of the site is located in the predominantly Arab neighborhood of Silwan. The residents of Silwan, and the Palestinian Authority leadership are opposed to the archeological efforts being carried out in the City of David. In several instances, homes in Silwan were purchased and then destroyed to open up more areas for excavations. Additionally, Palestinian leadership has denied in their official statements the existence of any Jewish connection to Jerusalem.

5:30 PM Return to hotel

7:30 PM	Depart for dinner
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US-Israel Relations

Dinner with U.S. Ambassador David Friedman
-at the Ambassador's residence on Agron St.

Meeting with Ambassador David Friedman

Every member delegation has the opportunity to meet with the U.S. Ambassador to Israel. Ambassador David Friedman was the first bilateral ambassador to be confirmed in the Trump Administration. Prior to his appointment as ambassador, Mr. Friedman was a nationally top-ranked attorney, and a founding partner of Kasowitz, Benson, Torres & Friedman of New York, New York. He frequently represented high-profile clients in large and significant cases and has published articles and lectured on novel and complex areas of law. Ambassador Friedman has played a lead role in negotiating multilateral disputes in some of the nation's most complex business and financial restructurings. Well known for his excellent public speaking, negotiating and interpersonal skills, he has been active for decades in U.S. policy as it relates to Israel and the Middle East. He speaks and reads Hebrew and has traveled to Israel extensively. Ambassador Friedman earned a J.D. from New York University School of Law.

9:45 PM

Overnight at the King David Hotel

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

7:45 AM

Breakfast is Served

8:00-9:00 AM

Cybersecurity

Breakfast with Yigal Unna

Director General, Israel National Cyber Directorate
-at the hotel

Cybersecurity

The United States and the State of Israel are working together to protect their cyberspace from attacks. Yigal Unna, Director General of the Israel National Cyber Directorate, will discuss the latest advancements in this burgeoning field, along with opportunities for the United States and Israel to partner on this issue.

9:15 AM

Depart

10:45-11:30 AM

Israel's Southern Front: Part I

**Briefing with IDF Southern Commander
-at Nir Am or Black Arrow**

11:30 AM

Depart

11:45 AM-12:45 PM *Israel's Southern Front: Part II*
Meeting and Tour with Chen Abrahams, Resident, Kibbutz Kfar Aza
-at Kibbutz Kfar Aza

Israel's Southern Front

Since 2001, Israeli communities bordering the Gaza Strip have been living under the threat of rocket fire. Since the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip in 2005 and the Hamas takeover of the Gaza Strip in 2007, the volume, range and accuracy of the rockets has only increased. The summer of 2014 witnessed Operation Protective Edge, which returned the issue of rocket fire from Gaza to international headlines. During this strategic overview, participants will have the opportunity to visit an Israel Air Force Base to see the latest advancements in missile technology. The visit to Kibbutz Kfar Aza and meeting with local residents will be an opportunity to better understand the reality of living just kilometers from Israel's border with Gaza, to learn how almost 15 years of rocket fire has shaped those living in the communities most affected, to discuss the advent of Hamas "terror tunnels" into Israel's border towns and how communities have sought to cope with the threat on their doorstep, both physically and psychologically.

12:45 PM Depart
-Boxed Lunches En Route

1:15-1:45 PM *Israel's Missile Defense Systems*
Visit to Iron Dome Battery

The Iron Dome

The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) typically honors our request to visit an Iron Dome battery, the joint U.S.-Israel funded rocket defense program. The military typically approves any visit to an Iron Dome location the week before the trip due to the constantly shifting security situation on the ground. A visit to an Iron Dome battery includes meeting with the soldiers and the commanding officer.

1:45 PM Depart

3:00-4:00 PM *US-Israel Defense Relations*
Lunch with Ari Sacher
Marketing and Business Development Manager Land and Naval Division,
Rafael
-at the King David Hotel

U.S.-Israel Defense Relations

Ari Sacher is a Rocket Scientist and has worked in the design and development of missiles for over twenty years. He has briefed hundreds of US Congressmen on Israeli Missile Defense and speaks regularly for the Israeli Foreign Ministry. Ari is highly regarded speaker, enabling even the

layman to understand the "rocket science". During this session, he will explain the U.S.-Israel strategic cooperation that has led to Israel's development of multi-tiered missile defense system.

4:15-5:15 PM *Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Looking Toward the Future*

Coffee with:

- **Gidon Bromberg, Director, EcoPeace Middle East**
- **Yadin Kaufman and Saed Nashef, Founding Partners, Sadara Ventures**
- **Project Rozana**

-at the King David Hotel

Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Looking Toward the Future

Despite the lack of negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority, there's a burgeoning movement of Israelis and Palestinians committed to strengthening their business and personal relationships. During this session the delegation will hear from these young Palestinian students and entrepreneurs. These Palestinian innovators will share their personal experiences, their plans for growth in the Palestinian tech and entrepreneurship sectors, and their partnerships with Israelis.

5:15 PM Meeting ends

7:00 PM Depart

7:15-9:00 PM *Start-Up Nation*

Dinner with

- Shmuel Peleg, Briefcam
Elly Perets, Utilis
 - Cathy Sebag, Head of Products, Mobile ODT
 - Yonatan Wexler, OrCam
- at Kinor

Start-Up Nation

Israel is a giant when it comes to innovation: a global leader in R&D spending and Venture Capital investment, and home to global R&D centers for the likes of Google, Apple and IBM. This evening's Start-Up Nation dinner will include a discussion with entrepreneurs representing Israeli innovation and ingenuity that has had enormous impact both in Israel and abroad.

9:00 PM Overnight at the King David Hotel

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

8:00 AM Breakfast is served

8:15-9:15 AM	<i>Strategic Threats Overview</i>
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Breakfast with Brig. Gen. (res.) Nitzan Nuriel

-at the hotel

Strategic Threats Overview

As the delegation heads north to the borders with Lebanon and Syria, it is critical to understand the threats faced by Israel from these borders, both Iranian proxies. The briefing will cover the unique situation at each border, as well as the malign activity from Iran contributing to unrest in the region.

9:30 AM Depart

10:45-11:30 AM *Israel's Narrow Waistline – Strategic Concerns*
Briefing at Alfei Menashe with Col. (res.) Miri Eisin

Alfei Menashe

Alfei Menashe is a Jewish community located on the western edge of the West Bank. Less than 10 miles from the Mediterranean Sea, Alfei Menashe provides a unique vantage point to discuss Israeli settlement policy, the routing of the security barrier, as well as Israel's narrow waistline.

The sliver of Israeli land west of the West Bank is often referred to as the Hadera-Gadera rectangle, with the city of Hadera denoting the northern point, and the city of Gadera the southern point. The Hadera-Gadera rectangle is home to over 50 percent of Israel's population, as well as civilian infrastructure. The area is also home to Israel's "Silicon Valley," as well as Ben Gurion international airport.

The discussion at Alfei Menashe will allow participants to see firsthand the proximity of Jewish and Arab neighborhoods in both Israel and the West Bank; as well as the strategic threats faced by the Israeli population living in Israel's narrow waistline.

11:30 AM Depart

12:30-1:30 PM *Falafel and Shawarma Lunch*
-in Yokne'am

1:30 PM Depart

1:30-2:30 PM En Route Briefing:
The Jezreel Valley
▪ The Upper Galilee

The Jezreel Valley

Our tour guide will spend an hour during the drive from Israel's center to the north to provide the delegation a briefing on the Jezreel Valley and the Upper Galilee and the challenges facing these regions of the country.

For thousands of years, the Jezreel Valley served as a land bridge linking Africa, Asia and Europe, and serving as a thoroughfare for ancient caravans and, more frequently, armies. In modern times, during World War I, for example, the British and Turkish forces fought a number of pitched battles in the valley. In 1948, following Israel's establishment, the combined forces of Iraq and Jordan attempted unsuccessfully to capture the valley in order to split the just-born Israel into two parts. In the early 20th century, after decades of neglect, Jewish pioneers drained the swamps in the valley, transforming this region into Israel's "breadbasket" known for wheat, cotton, sunflowers and fish ponds. The Jezreel Valley is also home to historical and biblical sites including Tel Megiddo and Nazareth.

Today it is an important symbol of Israel's complex and diverse political reality. The Jezreel Valley, together with the areas of the Lower and Upper Galilee, is home to the majority of Israel's Arab citizens. A survey of this area provides an opportunity to discuss and learn about Israel's Arab citizens – 20 percent of the population – each of which has full democratic, social and welfare rights, the right to vote and serve in the Knesset, and the opportunity to serve on Israel's Supreme Court. These issues are not widely known and this segment gives trip participants the opportunity to understand Israel's relationship with its largest minority group.

Upper Galilee

The Upper Galilee is home to the largest variety of ethnic communities in Israel including Druze, Circassian, Arab Muslim and Arab Christian villages. The Galilee is also home to ancient Jewish and Christian holy sites that provide additional historical and political context to regional tensions. Just as in the case of the Jezreel Valley, the area illustrates the role of minorities in Israel.

At the same time, the Upper Galilee is home to some of the most prominent industrial hubs. Best known among them is the Tefen Industrial area, home to numerous enterprises established by the region's residents – Jewish and Arab. In 2006, Upper Galilee's ISCAR Metal Working Company was purchased for \$5 billion by Warren Buffet's conglomerate holding company. Since then, a number of American investors have become partners in some of the region's hi-tech and bio-tech companies.

While time does not permit for sites visits, a drive through the region allows for expanding on the importance of the area in the context of the U.S.–Israel relationship.

2:45-3:45 PM *Israel's Northern Border Concerns: Lebanon*
Briefing and Visit to Hezbollah Tunnel led by Lt. Col. (Res.) Sarit Zehavi
-at Zarit

Israel's Northern Border Concerns: Lebanon and Hizballah

Lt. Col. (Res.) Sarit Zehavi served 15 years in the IDF in Military Intelligence –first in the Research and Analysis Branch, and later in the Northern Command. During her military service she briefed hundreds of delegations, ranging from U.S. Senators, Congressmen and politicians to global military commanders, senior journalists and visiting VIP delegations. She is the founder/director

Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount, the most studied and read speech of any religion in history. Our guide will also lead discussions through Capernaum and St. Peter's Church.

- 11:00 AM Depart for the Golan Heights
- 12:00-1:00 PM *Israel's Northern Border Concerns: Syria*
Strategic survey of Israel's border with Syria
With Cpt. Ilan Shulman
- at Ein Zivan

Israel's Northern Border Concerns: Syria

Captain (Res.) Ilan Shulman, a disabled IDF veteran, divides his time guiding geopolitical tours on the Galilee and Golan Heights, lecturing to students, giving geo-political briefings for delegations through various Israeli foreign ministry programs, and fulfilling his IDF reserve duties in the Northern Command's intelligence unit. Shulman was raised in Kibbutz Merom Golan near Israel's border with Syria, where one of his favorite jobs was herding the kibbutz cattle. Shulman served in the IDF's paratrooper's unit, rising to the position of company commander. He holds a BA in Israel and Middle East Studies. During this session he will take participants to the border between Israel and Syria and provide an overview of the Syrian civil war.

- 1:00 PM Depart
- 1:15-2:30 PM *Ethics in the IDF*
Lunch with IDF Soldiers
-at HaBokrim

Ethics in the IDF

Ruach Tzahal (Literally, 'Spirit of the IDF') represents the values of the Israel Defense Forces and stands as the foundation for the responsibilities of Israel's army. This overarching ethical code, and the guidelines and operation resulting from it, shape the mode of action applied by all IDF soldiers and units, both in peace and at war. During basic training, every IDF soldier studies and analyzes the code of ethics together with their commanders. It is customary for a framed copy of the code to be hung in every commander's office as a constant reminder of the IDF's values and guidelines. During lunch, participants will be joined by soldiers in the Northern Command, who will discuss the challenges of serving in a region overtaken by the Syrian civil war.

- 2:30-5:30 PM Travel to Tel Aviv
- 2:30-3:30 PM *En route briefings:*
- *The Jezreel Valley*
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6:30-8:30 PM

The U.S.-Israel Relationship: Bringing it All Together
Closing dinner
-in Tel Aviv

Closing Dinner

The closing dinner provides an opportunity for participants to process the scope of the week, from the religious center of the Judeo-Christian world in Jerusalem, to the bustling economic powerhouse of Tel Aviv; from the conflict plagued northern borders with Syria and Lebanon, to the environmental and geographical wonders of the Negev desert and the Dead Sea. We will process the range of topics explored, including the U.S.-Israel strategic partnership, prospects for Arab-Israeli peace, the experience of minorities in Israel, as well as greater existential threats throughout the region. Participants will also have the opportunity to share their takeaways and ask any lingering questions that weren't covered during the week.

8:30 PM Depart for the airport

11:25 PM Depart Ben-Gurion Airport

Friday, August 23, 2019

4:30 AM Arrive at Newark

9:05 AM Depart Newark

11:33 AM Arrive Indianapolis

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